The Chivalry of a Failed Knight

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Chapter I

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GANGAN GA PRESENTS, STRONGEST COMICALIZATION START!!

IN A USUAL MORNING, A PREMONITION OF A STORM...?

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I, KUROGANE IKKI,

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UPON RETURNING TO MY ROOM IN THE ACADEMY DORMITORY AFTER FINISHING MY DAILY RUNNING ROUTINE...

落第騎士の英雄譚
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FIND A HALF-NAKED BEAUTY WAITING INSIDE.

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THAT'S WHY...
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EEP!
WAIT A MOMENT! I WON'T MAKE AN EXCUSE FOR HAVING SEEN THAT!

NOOOOO A BEEEE-AST!!

I'LL GET NAKED TOO SO THAT IT'LL BE FAIR!
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Chapter 1: The Prodigy Knight and the Repeater Knight
THE ACADEMY'S WEAKEST KNIGHT WILL NOW AIM FOR THE STRONGEST PEAK AND LEAP TOWARDS IT!!!
A NEW EXPLO-SIVE SERIA-LIZA-TION !!!
落第騎士の英雄譚
A TALE OF WORST ONE
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SO YOU'RE SAYING THAT YOU TRIED TO STRIP OFF IN ORDER TO OFFSET THE DAMAGE OF HAVING SEEN HER IN HER UNDERWEAR.

I SEE.

I SEE THAT I DID SOMETHING INEXUSABLE TO STELLA-SAN OUT OF CONFUSION.

OH, SO YOU KNEW ABOUT VERMILLION?

YES.

ARE YOU AN IDIOT?

HAGUN ACADEMY DIRECTOR
SHINGUUJI KURONO

THE TOP INCOMING STUDENT ATTAINING THE HIGHEST SCORE IN THE ENTIRE HISTORY OF HAGUN ACADEMY!" IS HOTTEST TOPIC IN EVERY NEWS ORGANIZ-ATION,

AND I THINK I HEARD HER BLAZER RANK IS ALSO REMARK-ABLE.

"A SMALL COUNTRY IN EUROPE, VERMILLION EMPIRE'S SECOND I MPERIAL PRINCESS, STELLA VERMILLION-SAMA.

"BLAZER"

AN EXISTENCE, ONE IN A THOUSAND, WHO MANIFESTS HIS OWN SOUL AS AN ARMAMENT KNOWN AS 《DEVICE》, USES MAGICAL POWERS, AND CONTROLS SUPERHUMAN ABILITIES.

AS A BLAZER GRADUATES FROM A KNIGHT SCHOOL, AND GAINS QUALIFICA-TION AS A MAGICAL KNIGHT, HE IS GIVEN THE PERMISSION TO USE HIS ABILITIES.

THIS SCHOOL I'M ENROLLED AT, THE HAGUN ACADEMY, IS ALSO ONE OF THE SEVEN KNIGHT SCHOOLS IN JAPAN.

《WORST ONE》

HER BLAZER RANK IS THE HIGHEST, A.

THAT'S COMPLETELY UNLIKE THAT SOMEONE OUT THERE WHO FAILED HIS CLASS AND WILL REPEAT HIS ENTIRE FIRST YEAR.

...PLEASE LET ME BE.

SFX: SWING

SFX: KNOCK KNOCK

UGH...

PLEASE EXCUSE ME.

SFX: GLARE

I'M SORRY. IT WAS AN UNFORTUNATE ACCIDENT AND I DIDN'T INTEND TO PEEP ON YOU...

BUT YOU CAN DO ANYTHING TO ME THAT WOULD MAKE YOU FEEL BETTER

SFX: HMM...

LET'S SEE. OKAY...

IT'S JUST THAT I'M A POOR TALKER.

HOW MANLY OF YOU. IS THIS WHAT THEY CALL THE SPIRIT OF A SAMURAI?

DO HARAKIRI

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AND I'LL FORGIVE YOU

!?

ISN'T HARAKIRI A PRESTIGE FOR JAPANESE MEN?

DOING SUCH CARELESSNESS TOWARDS A PRINCESS LIKE ME, YOU'RE LUCKY THAT YOU'RE GIVEN SUCH A SPECIAL DEATH PUNISHMENT

W-WAIT!

IT DOESN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH SAMURAI

AND I CAN'T COMPENSATE WITH MY LIFE FOR JUST SEEING YOU IN YOUR UNDERWEAR AT THE MOST!

A-AT THE MOST, YOU SAY!?

I CAN'T FORGIVE YOU AFTER DEFILING THE BODY OF A PRINCESS YET TO MARRY!

SERVE ME!

YOU BETTER PREPARE YOURSELF, YOU FREAK!

SINFUL SWORD OF THE QUEEN DRAGON, 《LAEVATEINN》

PLEASE DON'T GIVE UP ON ME THAT FAST!
OH, SO THAT'S VERMILLION'S DEVICE.
HER CAPACITY IS THAT OF TALENT COMING ONLY ONCE EVERY TEN YEARS. KUROGANE, I GIVE YOU MY CONDO-LENCES.
SFX: DASH
COME SHADOW STEEL, 《INTETSU》 !!

OF COURSE!

MY NOBLE ART, 《DRAGONBREATH》 HAS A TEMPERATURE OF 3000 DEGREES CELCIUS!

IT'S HOT!?

EVEN IF YOU BLOCK IT, IT CAN REDUCE THE ENEMY TO ASHES BY JUST ITS SHEER POWER!

THERE'S NO WAY YOU CAN ESCAPE FROM IT IN THIS CRAMPED ROOM.

I'LL VAPORIZE YOU WITHOUT LEAVING EVEN A SPECK OF DUST!

CAPTIVATED SINCE STELLA-SAN WAS SO BEAUTIFUL!

W-WAIT!

I WAS JUST TOO

SFX: BLUSH

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H-HUH...? WHAT IS IT ALL OF A SUDDEN...?

W-WHAT ARE YOU S-SAYING, STUPID!

THOUGHLESSLY CALLING AN U-UNMARRIED LADY B-...BEAUTI-FUL...

SFX: *MUU*

A-ANYWAY, THAT INCIDENT WAS CAUSED BY YOUR CHANGING IN MY ROOM TO BEGIN WITH.

SO PLEASE SPARE ME FROM THE HARAKIRI.

KUKU-KUKU...

EH!?

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?

I'LL HAVE YOU KNOW THAT I ENTERED THAT ROOM USING THE KEY THAT I RECEIVED FROM THE DIRECTOR!!

YOU TWO ARE ROOMMATES.

EH.

EHHHH HHHHH !!?

THAT WAS TRUE LAST YEAR BEFORE I ASSUMED THE POSITION OF BEING THE DIRECTOR.

WHY? I HAVEN'T EVER HEARD OF A GIRL AND A BOY SHARING THE SAME ROOM!

KURO-GANE,

YOU SHOULD KNOW FOR WHAT REASON I CAME INTO THIS ACADEMY.

IT IS "IN ORDER TO REORGANIZE THE HAGUN ACADEMY"... IF I REMEMBER CORRECTLY.

IN THE PAST FEW YEARS, THERE HAS BEEN NOTHING GOOD WITH OUR SCHOOL COMPARED TO THE OTHER SCHOOLS.

THE FESTIVAL HELD JOINTLY BY THE SEVEN SCHOOLS ONCE EVERY YEAR, IN ORDER DECIDE THE STRONGEST STUDENT KNIGHT...

THE "SEVEN STARS SWORD ART FESTIVAL". EVEN THERE, WE'RE ON A LOSING STREAK.

THIS ROOM ASSIGNMENT IS THE FIRST STEP TOWARDS IT... I PUT IN THE SAME ROOMS STUDENTS WHO HAVE CLOSE LEVELS OF ABILITY.

MY OBJECTIVE IS "A PRINCIPLE OF COMPLETE FOCUS ON ACTUAL POWER. A THOROUGH PRINCIPLE OF ACTUAL COMBAT."

IT'S EMBARRASSING
BUT MY GENERAL RANK IS ALSO F.
Y-YOU'RE A REPEATER!?
THEN IT'S MORE UNREASONABLE. MAY I ASK WHY YOU PUT HER IN THE SAME ROOM AS ME WHO WAS THE BOTTOM OF HIS YEAR AND IS EVEN REPEATING HIS CLASS?
F!?
AT ANY RATE, THIS IS ALREADY A DECIDED MATTER.
VERMILLION, YOU MAY BE A PRINCESS, BUT WE CAN'T GIVE YOU A SPECIAL TREATMENT.
IF YOU DON'T FEEL LIKE IT, THEN I DON'T MIND IF YOU DROP OUT.

HOWEVER

I HAVE THREE CONDITIONS FOR YOU IN LIVING IN THE SAME ROOM AS ME!

Drop out...

...I UNDER-STAND

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DON'T TALK TO ME. DON'T OPEN YOUR EYES AND DON'T BREATH.

I CAN'T DO THAT! AT LEAST LET ME BREATH!

MY, MY, THIS DOESN'T SEEM TO GET TO A CLOSE.

YOU PROBABLY JUST WANT TO TASTE THE BREATH THAT I EXHALE ANYWAY, YOU PERVERT!

I CAN JUST BREATH FROM MY MOUTH AND I WON'T BE ABLE TO TELL YOUR SCENT.

YOU'RE PROBABLY JUST PLANNING TO PRETEND TO BREATH WHILE SMELLING MY SCENT ANYWAY, YOU PERVERT!

I don't want to!

YES, THAT SOUNDS GOOD AND FAIR.

HAH!?

THEN HOW ABOUT THIS?

YOU'LL HAVE A MOCK BATTLE FROM HERE AND WHOEVER WINS GET TO DECIDE THE RULES FOR SHARING THE ROOM.

DO YOU EVEN UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE SAYING!?

...DID I SAY SOMETHING WEIRD?

THAT IS TRUE...

BUT LOOK, WE WON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENS UNTIL WE ACTUALLY FIGHT.

AN F RANK! THE 《WORST ONE》 WHO CAN'T EVEN ADVANCE A YEAR!

THERE'S NO WAY YOU CAN BEAT SOMEONE LIKE ME WHO'S IN THE TOP CLASS!!

WE WON'T BE BETTING ON SMALL THINGS LIKE THE ROOM SHARING RULES ANYMORE!

FINE! I'LL BEAT YOU IN A MATCH!

I'M PISSED OFF!

THE LOSER WILL SUBMIT TO THE WINNER FOR HIS WHOLE LIFE!!

EHHH!?

YES, I DON'T.

I SEE YOU DON'T WANT TO BECOME A SLAVE.

IT SOMEHOW TURNED INTO A TERRIBLE SITUATION.

I DON'T WANT TO NEITHER WIN NOR LOSE.

LOOKS LIKE YOUR DETERMINATION OF YOUR DREAM IS QUITE BIG.

YOU CAN STILL SAY "WIN" EVEN YOU SAW IT JUST MINUTE AGO OF HOW STRONG SHE IS.

NEITHER WIN... HUH?

"THAT GRAIN OF VEXATION IS A PROOF THAT YOU STILL HAVEN'T GIVEN UP ON YOUR SELF. DON'T YOU THROW THAT AWAY."

"LISTEN, KID."

"AS LONG AS YOU CAN WIN IN THE SEVEN STARS SWORD ART FESTIVAL, I'LL LET YOU GRADUATE NO MATTER HOW BAD YOUR ABILITY SCORE IS."

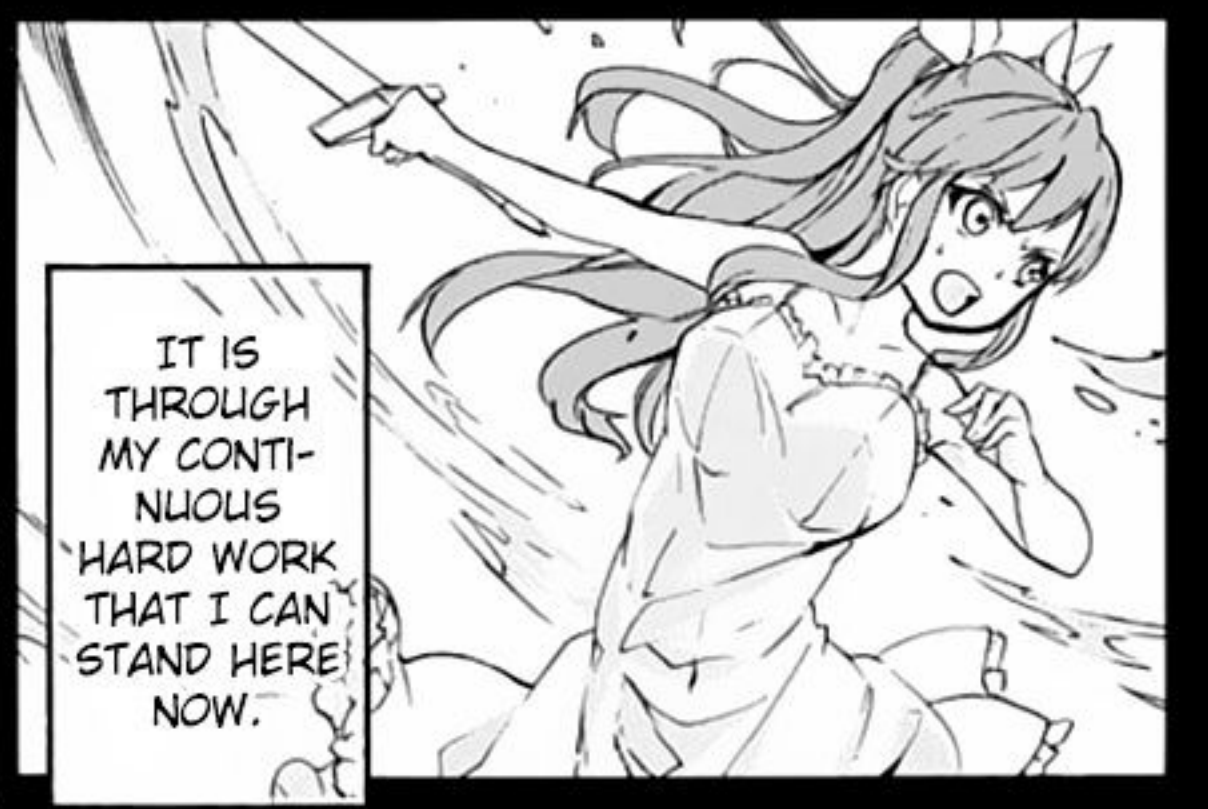
IT IS YOU WHO TOLD ME THAT.

SO THAT GIRL IS THE 《CRIMSON PRINCESS》 OF VERMILLION—
SHE'S SUCH A BEAUTY.
WHY, HER OPPONENT IS THAT REPEATER KUROGANE.
THEY SAY SHE'S A PRODIGY COMING ONCE IN TEN YEARS, DON'T THEY?
HOW BORING... AT THIS RATE, IT WILL END WITH HIM GETTING KILLED BY THE PRODIGY PRINCESS IN AN INSTANT
IT'S THE SAME EVERYWHERE... THEY TALK LIKE I'M SOMEONE WHO ONLY HAS TALENT.

THEY SAID IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO EVEN BECOME A KNIGHT.

I TOO WASN'T THAT STRONG AT FIRST

I EVEN BURNED MYSELF FOR MANY TIMES DUE TO MY POWER BEING TOO STRONG.



I'LL MAKE THEM UNDERSTAND THAT I'M NOT JUST TALENT WITH AN ABSOLUTE DEFEAT.

FINE.

IT'S THE FORM THAT DIRECTLY SCRAPES OFF PHYSICAL STRENGTH WITHOUT DEALING PHYSICAL DAMAGE TO HUMANS.

BOTH SIDES, EXPAND YOUR DEVICES INTO 《ILLUSORY FORM》

WE'LL BE STARTING THE MOCK BATTLE.

COME, 《INTETSU》 !!

SERVE ME, 《LAEVTEINN》 !!

HERE I COME!

HAAAAH!!!

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I'VE GOT TO PRAISE YOUR FORE-SIGHT.
SUCH OVERWHELMING OFFENSIVE POWER... SO YOU WEREN'T SERIOUS BACK IN THE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE, HUH.

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UWAH

IF I GOT SERIOUS IN SUCH A PLACE, I'LL BE DESTROYING THE WHOLE BUILDING.
OF COURSE!
ALL THE GENERATIONS OF RANK A KNIGHTS WERE ALL GREAT HEROES RIGHTFUL TO BE CARVED IN HISTORY.
THE CLAIM THAT HER POWER AND SPEED IS A TALENT COMING ONLY ONCE IN TEN YEARS IS NO EXAGGERATION.

SO THIS IS AN A RANK!!
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HER SWORD TECHNIQUE IS SUPERB
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THE MAJORITY OF MAGICAL KNIGHTS PUT EMPHASIS ON THE TRAINING OF THEIR SUPERHUMAN ABILITIES RATHER THAN OF MARTIAL ARTS AND SWORD SKILL.

HOWEVER, A STRONG KNIGHT ISN'T LIKE THAT.

IT IS MORE EFFICIENT TO GET STRONGER THAT WAY. SCHOOLS AND THE SOCIETY EVEN PUSH THAT THINKING.

FROM HIS UNDYING THIRST FOR STRENGTH, HE MASTERS EVERYTHING OF HIS ABILITY.

EVEN SHE IS AIMING FOR A GREATER HEIGHT...!

HE'S RUNNING AWAY WITH ALL HIS MIGHT
IT'S SURE JUST A MATTER OF TIME AT THIS RATE-

THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE!
HE SHOULDN'T BE ABLE TO RECEIVE MY BLOWS!

JUST WHAT IS... THIS

HAAAH!
HE'S USING THE FORCE OF MY SWORD TO MOVE FURTHER BACK WITHOUT ACTUALLY RECEIVING THE BLOW

AREN'T YOU JUST GOOD AT RUNNING!?

MY ATTACKS ARE BEING DEALT WITH!

MY SWORDPLAY ISN'T THAT CHEAP THAT YOU'LL BE ABLE TO EASILY SEE THROUGH IT!

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NO, I'VE ALREADY SEEN THROUGH IT.

THIS TECHNIQUE ...!?

HOW COME YOU CAN USE MY 《IMPERIAL ARTS》 !!?
I WAS EVER SINCE HATED BY EVERYONE AND NO ONE WOULD TEACH ME ANY-THING
THAT'S WHY I'VE GOTTEN GOOD ONLY AT STEALING OTHER'S SWORDPLAY BY WATCHING...
TO TAKE GRASP OF THE OPPONENT'S SWORD TECHNIQUE IN BATTLE, AND TO CREATE SOMETHING THAT WOULD EXCEED IT.
THAT IS MY 《BLADE STEAL》.
*IMITATION SWORD TECHNIQUE

LET ME BE ON THE OFFENSIVE THIS TIME.

YOU'RE ...

TELLING ME THAT YOU DID ALL THAT WITHIN JUST THESE SEVERAL MINUTES ...!?

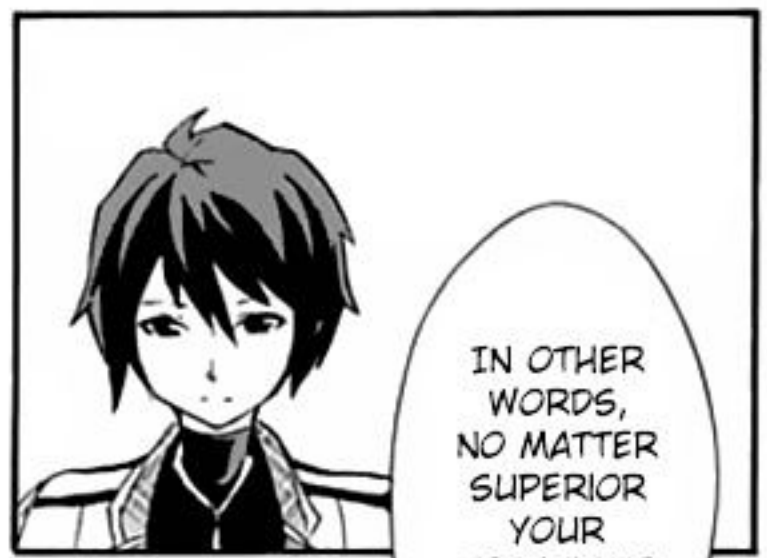
AH

HE'S STRONG!

THAT STELLA-SAN LOST ...?
IS IT FINISHED?
NO... LOOK AT THAT!

IT'S SO UNCOOL, ISN'T IT? FOR ME TO WIN LIKE THIS...

SO IT WOULD COME TO THIS AFTER ALL.


IN OTHER WORDS, NO MATTER SUPERIOR YOUR TECHNIQUE IS,

YOU CAN NEVER HURT ME WITH THAT SMALL AMOUNT OF MAGIC YOU HAVE.

MAGIC FULFILLS ITS ROLE AS BARRIER
SO FOR A BLAZER WHO IS CLAD BY MAGIC, UNLESS WITH AN ATTACK ALSO CLAD BY MAGIC, HE CANNOT BE DEFEATED.

IT IS BECAUSE THE 《AURA AMOUNT》 USED FOR SUPERHUMAN ABILITIES CANNOT BE IMPROVED BY HARD WORK. IT IS A TALENT GIVEN BY BIRTH.
THAT IS THE REASON WHY I WANTED TO WIN THROUGH SWORDPLAY SO THAT I CAN PROVE THAT I'M NOT JUST TALENT.

BUT IN THIS BATTLE,

YOU CAN SAY THAT MY VICTORY IS THANKS TO THAT TALENT.

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I SHALL DEFEAT YOU WITH UTMOST RESPECT.

PIERCE THROUGH THE BLUE SKY, FLAME OF PURGATORY!

THIS IS TOO RECK-LESS...

WHAT THE HELL!?

KYAA

I WILL NEVER GIVE UP
NO MATTER HOW MY MAGIC POWER SMALL IS...
WITH MY WEAKEST, I WILL CRUSH YOUR STRONGEST!

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NO, THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE.
THE AURA AMOUNT FROM BIRTH SHOULD NOT CHANGE!
IS THAT LIGHT FROM HIS MAGIC!? IS HIS MAGIC AMPLIFLYING ...?
THIS IS THE END!
ACCEPT DEFEAT WITHOUT ANY STRUGGLE!

HAAAAAH!!
HEAVEN AND EARTH SCORCHING DRAGON KING'S FLAME 《CALSALITIO SALAMANDRA》
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TREMBLE!

THIS FIGHT IS MINE!!

ETO?
WH-... WHAT'S WITH THAT POWER!?
HOW COME HE CAN AVOID MY ATTACK!
IT'S PHYSICAL ABILITY DOUBLING, THAT'S WHY.
THAT IS MY ABILITY AS A BLAZER

AND I HAVEN'T EVER HEARD OF MAGIC POWER INCREASING!

YOU'RE LYING! THAT MOVEMENT CANNOT BE JUST DOUBLE, CAN IT!?

HOWEVER, I'VE ALWAYS WONDERED.

YOU'RE RIGHT. THERE'S NO WAY MAGIC CAN INCREASE AFTER BIRTH.

BUT THE REASON THAT THAT DOESN'T HAPPEN IS BECAUSE INSTINCTIVELY, YOU HAVE A "LIMITER" THAT MAKES YOU LIVE ON.

IF YOU REALLY RAN AT FULL STRENGTH, IT SHOULDN'T BE STRANGE IF YOU LOSE CONSCIOUSNESS AFTER YOU'VE FINISHED RUNNING...

FOR EXAMPLE, EVEN IF YOU RUN A HUNDRED METERS AT FULL STRENGTH, YOU'LL ALWAYS STILL HAVE REMAINING STRENGTH.

THAT'S RIGHT

I'VE JUST PURPOSELY DESTROYED MY LIMITER AND GRASPED THE POWER I SHOULDN'T BE ABLE TO USE ORIGINALLY!

DON'T TELL ME, YOU...!

I'VE BEEN TOLD THAT "IT'S ALRIGHT NOT TO GIVE UP" FOR THE FIRST TIME.

TO MYSELF WHO'S BEEN TOLD TO GIVE UP COUNTLESS TIMES,

I, MYSELF, UNDERSTAND MY LACK OF TALENT THE MOST.

JUST HOW MUCH DID THOSE WORDS SAVE ME...

SO THAT DIFFERENCE FROM PRODIGIES WON'T BE FILLED BY JUST HARD WORK...

FURTHER-MORE, EVEN PRODIGIES DO HARD WORK.

THAT'S WHY FOR ME TO EXCEED THAT, I CANNOT REMAIN TO BE NORMAL.

IN ORDER TO REACH MY DREAM,

THERE'S NOTHING ELSE BUT TO TURN INTO A DEMON.

HE DISAP-PEARED ...!?

A NOBLE ART THAT CAN INCREASE THE WEAKEST OF ABILITIES UP TO TENS OF TIMES-

BY USING UP ONE'S ENTIRE STRENGTH WITHIN JUST TEN MINUTES,

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SINGLE
BLADED SHURA
《ITTOU SHURA》

VICTOR KUROGANE IKKI!!

AH-...

THE WEAKEST, PIERCING THROUGH THE STRONGEST!!

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